

New Hampshire Racing & Charitable Gaming Commission
Commission Meeting
Concord Office
December 16, 2008
08-16

Present: Timothy J. Connors, Chairman
Warren W. Leary, Secretary
Michael J. Gatsas, Member
Lynn M. Presby, Member
Anthony B. Urban, Member
Bernard A. Streeter, Member
Paul M. Kelley, Director
Sudhir K. Naik, Deputy Director
Sheri Eldridge, Legal Coordinator
Rose Wiant, Legal Counsel, AG's Office
Steve Johnston, Supervisor Gaming Operations
Linda Darrow, Administrative Secretary

In Attendance: Jeff McKeon, Dan Callaghan, Ed Callahan, Jay Ward, Jeana Tribble, Marlin Torguson, Averill Cates, Rick Newman, Representative Peter Schmidt and others

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m. The meeting began with discussion related to Hinsdale Greyhound Park's bankruptcy filing on December 15th. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to accept the surrendered pari-mutuel license from Hinsdale Greyhound Park, with the proviso that all legal obligations are still in effect.

Further discussion followed on what items need to be addressed with Hinsdale Greyhound Park as a result of the bankruptcy filing. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to send a letter to Mr. Joseph Sullivan at Hinsdale and his counsel, Attorney John M. Sullivan addressing the following:

- Welfare of the greyhounds
- Staff access to the property to check on welfare of the greyhounds on a regular basis
- Status of the outstanding tickets account with copies of same from the tote company and Hinsdale Greyhound Park
- Confirmation that employees will be paid in full and proper layoff notification given
- Confirmation that Dept of Labor has been notified
- Confirmation that the greyhounds will be transferred to the control of Fast Friends.

and a second letter to be sent to Fast Friends to confirm they will be taking control of the greyhounds.

On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to approve the Commission minutes dated November 10 and November 18, 2008. Commissioner Urban stated that the Governor at a recent Governor and Council meeting honored Chairman Timothy Connors for his 40 years of service as Chairman of the Commission. The Governor stated that Chairman Connors was one of the longest, if not the longest, serving Chairman in the country.

On a motion by Commissioner Gatsas, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to accept and place on file the racing & charitable gaming statistics for the fiscal period ending December 1, 2008. Commissioner Gatsas asked that the future statistics include a breakdown of the simulcast figures by type.

The Games of Chance warning letters spreadsheets, financial and non-compliance were reviewed. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Leary and unanimously voted to accept and place them on file.

The Games of Chance State Revenue spreadsheets were reviewed. On a motion made by Commissioner Leary, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to accept and place them on file.

Discussion followed on the 2009 Legislation Summary. Because the items are only in LSR status, the language of each bill is not available for viewing. Director Kelley noted that the Commission will learn which of these pertain directly to Racing & Charitable Gaming upon receipt of a fiscal impact statement.

Discussion followed on the account wagering plan drafted by staff. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Urban, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and unanimously voted to table this item until the January meeting, giving the track representatives a chance to review the draft, work with staff to resolve any questions that may arise and present the final draft at the next meeting.

The correspondence was presented. On a motion by Commissioner Streeter, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to place the items on file.

Under Old Business:

- Attorney Ann Rice contacted Director Kelley to inform him that Belmont, Seabrook and Rockingham are suitable for licensing. Discussion ensued. On a motion by Commissioner Streeter, seconded by Commissioner Urban and unanimously voted to issue the licenses subject to receiving all necessary paperwork from the tracks.

Under New Business:

- Mr. Ed Callahan provided a handout entitled Fix It Now New Hampshire, a group of concerned individuals and organizations hoping to bring limited gaming to the State. Discussion ensued. Mr. Callahan stated that the head of this group would be contacting the Commissioners with invitations to join.
- Director Kelley stated that Mr. Rick Newman has extended an invitation to the Commission to hold one or more of its meeting at a bingo hall. The Commission will take it under advisement.

At 11:50 a.m., on a motion by Commissioner Leary, seconded by Commissioner Streeter and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to adjourn the regular meeting, and go into non-public session.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes
Gatsas	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Streeter	-	Yes

On a motion by Commissioner Leary seconded by Commissioner Urban and by a unanimous roll call vote the Commission voted to come out of the non-public session at 12:35 p.m.

Connors	-	Yes
Leary	-	Yes

Gatsas	-	Yes
Urban	-	Yes
Presby	-	Yes
Streeter	-	Yes

The Commission's next meeting is scheduled for January 13th in Concord.

The Chairman closed the public meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren W. Leary
Secretary